

Matches-Beattie House
53-55 Main Street
Little Falls, Passaic County, New Jersey

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Owner: The Beattie Manufacturing Company

Date of Erection: 1847

Architect:

Builder: Robert Matches

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Original house three;
brick addition two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brownstone

Exterior walls - brownstone,
brick wing in rear

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The builder and first owner of this house was Robert Matches, born in 1814 at Holm Parish, Orkney Island, Scotland, who emigrated to this country and arrived at Little Falls in 1843. He married Agnes Voorhees and built this house in 1847. It is unique in that it was built as a two-family residence. Mr. Matches was the owner and operator of a quarry and also a builder. He lost the building in the 1873 panic and the Beattie interests acquired it. After the house changed ownership

in 1873 the brick addition was made in the rear and the two-story residence converted into a four-family house.

Bibliography:

Information from Mrs. Charles W. Matches,
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